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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner, which was indicated in the Office Action mailed May 13, 2004, rejecting Claims 12-21.

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